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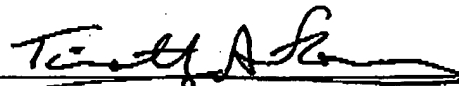
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2003. The Office Action requires that Applicants elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicants provisionally elect the Invention of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-22 of the application. Applicants further provisionally elect species 1, wherein the display includes an illumination source, which corresponds to claims 3 and 4. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11-22 of the elected group are generic. The Examiner indicated that, upon allowance of one of the generic claims, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the other species which depend from an allowed generic claim. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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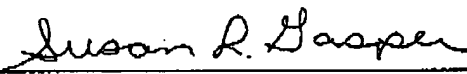
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